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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit of Jeff Whieldon, House Select  
Committee Staff

1. On 2 October, I briefed Mr. Jeff Whieldon, House Select Committee Staff, on the (a) missions and functions of OER and (b) production of intelligence pertaining to the Soviet grain purchases of 1972.

2. Mr. Whieldon was interested in an overview of OER's role in providing intelligence support to policy-makers in order to place OER's responsibilities for reporting on the international grain trade in perspective.

3. Mr. Whieldon asked perceptive questions (in a "non-adversary" vein) and took extensive notes. He was reasonably well informed on the major aspects of the 1972 case. As a result, most of the time was given over to a discussion of the (a) timeliness of reporting and the substantive content of our issuances relating to the 1972 Soviet grain harvest and (b) Soviet policy with respect to grain imports. Although he did not request copies of documents including intelligence on the 1972 Soviet grain production and trade outlook, he referred to a possible follow-up request.

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